

***Resolution 2014 R-413 of the City of Minneapolis, Approved Friday, October 17, 2014***

**By Gordon**

***Recognizing Friday, October 24, 2014 as Food Day in Minneapolis***

**Whereas**, Food Day is a nationwide celebration and a movement for healthy, affordable, and sustainable food; and,

**Whereas**, sharing meals as a family can help children improve academic achievement and language development and reduce risks of childhood obesity and substance abuse; and,

**Whereas**, organizations across the City of Minneapolis are encouraging Minneapolis residents to take the “Minne-Apple Crunch”; and,

**Whereas**, the Health Department’s Healthy Living initiative and related initiatives help improve access to affordable, nutritious foods for low-income residents and communities of color in neighborhoods, schools, worksites, and other settings; and,

**Whereas**, Minneapolis Public Schools is serving a regionally-sourced meal featuring chicken drumsticks, roasted potatoes, and a local apple in partnership with six other large, urban school districts in the upper-Midwest, including Saint Paul; and

**Whereas**, local dignitaries will join students at Loring Elementary School to participate in the “Minne-Apple Crunch” and bite into a local apple together at noon on Food Day; and,

**Whereas**, the University of Minnesota will be celebrating Food Day with an event in the Recreation and Wellness Center, which will include exhibits, food demonstrations and tasting sessions; and,

**Whereas**, the City’s Homegrown Minneapolis initiative works to expand our community’s ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods; and,

**Whereas**, in 2011 the City of Minneapolis established a Minneapolis Food Council to help the city develop policies and strategies to improve the growing, processing, promotion, distribution, consumption and composting of healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods in Minneapolis; and,

**Whereas**, the City of Minneapolis has adopted goals to increase the proportion of adults at a healthy weight, and increase access to healthy foods;

**Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:**



That the City of Minneapolis recognizes October 24th, 2014, as Food Day in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis encourages all Minneapolis residents to participate in the “Minne-Apple Crunch” and enjoy a delicious, locally grown apple.